

Application No.: 10/037,782
Amendment dated: May 3, 2004
Reply to Office Action of: November 03, 2003

REMARKS

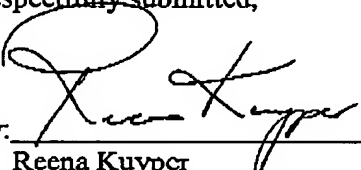
This amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated November 11, 2003. Applicant acknowledges allowance of claims 26-45. To expedite issuance of allowed claims 26-45, by this Amendment Applicant has canceled rejected claims 22-25 and 46-71, without prejudice. Claims 22-25 and 46-71, which stand rejected here are transferred to a continuation application filed concurrently today. Accordingly, the only claims that remain in this application are those that are allowed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to allow this application to pass to issue.

Applicant also notes that the signed copies of Forms PTO-1449 (captioned Supplemental XII and XIII) submitted with the Supplemental Information Disclosure statement dated September 23, 2003, have not been returned to the Applicant. Applicant requests the Examiner to return to the Applicant, signed copies (with the Examiner's initials) indicating that the Examiner has considered the references cited in Supplemental XII and XIII.

Respectfully submitted,

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